



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*

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NEWS RELEASE

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Montezuma FFA Wins 2014 Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event

The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on October 18, 2014. Members of the first place team included: Tyler Meyer, Brayden Hudnut, Shane Helm, and Austin Henry. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms. Lindsey Schanbacher. The Des Moines FFA Chapter from Des Moines was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Melissa Garcia-Rodriguez, Spencer Stoebner, Neal DeSomber, and Brandie Joy. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Danielle Wanfalt and Mr. Craig Nelson. Tyler Meyer, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The top five teams will represent Iowa at the National Land Judging Event in May of 2015 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. AGWSR FFA Chapter from Ackley, Adair-Casey FFA Chapter from Adair, and Brokaw FFA Chapter from Clarinda will join the top two teams in Oklahoma.

FFA teams including from 29 chapters, including 109 individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Soils Evaluation. The Soils Evaluation Career Development Event included the evaluation of four soil pits, plus a written exam about soils in Iowa. The score card used to judge the soil pits is divided into five parts: Surface Features, Soil Features – The Profile, Land Capability Classification and Productivity Potential, Evaluation of Management Practices, and Sustainability of Soils for Non-Agricultural Uses.

The Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support from Calcium Products, Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Sponsorship provided covered awards recognition of the top ten teams and individuals as well as a travel stipend for the national qualifying teams.

The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy served as the host for the event. Amber Anderson-Mba of Iowa State University and Mr. Virgil Schmidt of Iowa State University Extension coordinated the event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Des Moines FFA, Des Moines
- 3 AGWSR FFA, Ackley
- 4 Adair-Casey FFA, Adair
- 5 Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- 6 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 7 Sigourney FFA, Sigourney

Top 10 Individuals

- Tyler Meyer, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Neal DeSomber, Des Moines FFA, Des Moines
Brayden Hudnut, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Shane Helm, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Liam Stubbe, AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Allison Hadley, East Union FFA, Afton
Spencer Stoebner, Des Moines FFA, Des Moines

- 8 Pella FFA, Pella
- 9 Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center
- 10 East Union FFA, Afton

- Paden Uphold, Keota FFA, Keota
- Drayce Webster, Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
- John Washington, North Polk FFA, Alleman

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma **Individual:** Tyler Meyer, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Pit Evaluation

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma **Individual:** Tyler Meyer, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (503 to 428)

- Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Des Moines FFA, Des Moines
- AGWSR FFA, Ackley
- Adair-Casey FFA, Adair
- Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
- Pella FFA, Pella
- Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center
- East Union FFA, Afton

Silver Teams (10)

Score Range (424 to 409)

- South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
- Lynnville-Sully FFA, Sully
- Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
- North Polk FFA, Alleman
- Audubon FFA, Audubon
- Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo
- Osage FFA, Osage
- Harlan FFA, Harlan
- Keota FFA, Keota

Bronze Teams (9)

Score Range (387 to 237)

- Humboldt FFA, Humboldt
- Algona FFA, Algona
- Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
- East Sac FFA, Lake View
- Ridge View FFA, Holstein
- North Tama FFA, Traer
- Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
- Wapello FFA, Wapello
- LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with over 14,300 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 580,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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